GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:751
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2001
SUPPLY OF LOOSE SEAL LPG CYLINDERS
BIR SING MAHATO;DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that LPG cylinders with less quantity of gas and loose seal are being supplied to the consumers;

(b) whether such cylinders are being supplied by Indian Oil Corporation Limited as has been told by distributors to the enquiring consumers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies carry out 100% re-checking of weight on a check scale after the cylinders are filled on carousel in the Bottling Plant. Before delivery and loading in truck, filled cylinders are again subjected to statistical quality control to ensure that only cylinders of correct quality and quantity reach the distributors. LPG distributors are also under instructions to check every cylinder for soundness/correct weight before delivering to consumers. Inspite of above measures, in case of any established complaints of supply of underweight/water filled cylinders from consumers, action is taken against erring distributors as per the prevailing Marketing Discipline Guidelines/ Distributorship Agreement.